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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on attached Form PTO-1449. A copy of each document so listed is enclosed.

JP 6-251064
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Rekimoto, Jun, "Information Cube: Using Semitransparency in 3D Information Visualization, Computer Software, Japan, Computer Software Association, Nov. 15, 1994, Vol. 11, No. 6, pp. 63-74

These documents were cited during prosecution of a Japanese patent application corresponding to the above U.S. application. A copy of the Japanese Office Action, which is dated October 14, 2003, is enclosed.


English-language abstracts for the Japanese applications, as well as a partial English translation of pp. 65-68 of the Rekimoto reference, are enclosed and are believed to provide a concise explanation of relevance for each of the cited documents.

It is noted that this application has received a Notice Of Allowance. Accordingly, this Information Disclosure Statement is accompanied by the requisite \$180.00 fee. In addition, it is hereby certified under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) that each document in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

The Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of the attached Form PTO-1449.

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Office Action, dated October 14, 2003, in JP 7-064310

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